



MC&FP FACT SHEET

Data



Military families are less likely than civilian families to be impacted by unemployment and poverty, drug abuse and limited access to healthcare, but are more likely to face unique risk factors, like intermittent single parenting due to military operations, frequent moves and separation from extended family.



Child neglect related to lack of supervision or exposure to physical hazards represents the largest percentage of child abuse among military families.

Additional Information

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/index.cfm

Protective Factors –Sharing Strategies and Resources

www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/factors.cfm

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Background

Since 1983, the month of April has been dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through the observation of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Each year the goal remains the same: to raise awareness among parents and members of the community in hopes of preventing cases of abuse and neglect.

Highlights

Within the military community, the Family Advocacy Program works to strengthen military families and improve resiliency and competency among parents by offering home visitation for new parents as well as support and education on topics of interest to all parents.

The Administration of Children and Families and the Family Advocacy Program embrace the protective factors approach to building strong resilient families and promoting the healthy development of all children. The six protective factors include:

- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete support in times of need
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Social and emotional competence of children
- Nurturing and attachment

